

SUMMARY OF THE DISCOVERY

BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION:

*Clematis viticella*

VARIETY DENOMINATION

5 'EVIpo002'

COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION:

Early-Large Flowering Cultivar

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The present discovery constitutes a new and distinct variety of *Clematis* which originated from an uncontrolled pollination of two unknown *Clematis* plants. The claimed plant was discovered in a cultivated area. The new variety is named 'EVIpo002'.

The objective of the selection of this *Clematis* variety for commercial glasshouse and nursery culture was to create a new and distinct variety with unique qualities such as:

1. Large full form red-purple flowers
2. Compact Growth
- 25 3. Yellow flower center

4. Strong flower color with good color retention

These qualities required improvement in Clematis  
5 varieties that were in commercial cultivation and  
the objectives have been substantially achieved in  
the new variety, as evidenced by the unique  
combination of characteristics that are present in  
'EVIpo002' which distinguish it from all other  
10 varieties of which we are aware.

Evaluations were conducted on the discovered  
seedling in a controlled environment. 'EVIpo002'  
was selected by Raymond J. Evison and Mogens N.  
15 Olesen in their Clematis development program in  
Domarie Vineries Les Sauvagees, St. Sampsons,  
Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom in April  
1997.

Asexual reproduction of 'EVIpo002' by cuttings was  
20 first done by Raymond J. Evison and Mogens N.  
Olesen in Domarie Vineries Les Sauvagees, St.  
Sampsons, Guernsey, Channel Islands, United  
Kingdom in May 1997. This initial and subsequent  
propagations have demonstrated that the  
25 characteristics of 'EVIpo002' are true to type and

are transmitted from one generation to the next.

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color illustration show as true as is reasonably possible to obtain in color photographs of this type:

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Fig. 1.1 Juvenile foliage attached to stems, petiole, petiolule, and stems;

Fig. 1.2 Mature foliage with petiole;

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Fig. 1.3 Bracts and various stages of flower development;

Fig. 1.4 Open flower, upper side

Fig. 1.5 Open flower, lower side

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

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The following is a detailed description of 'EVIpo002', as observed in its growth throughout the flowering period in glasshouses at Domarie Vineries Les Sauvagees, St. Sampsons, Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom. Plants were

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cultivated for two years in two liter pots.  
Certain phenotypical characteristics of the  
variety may vary under different environmental,  
cultural, agronomic, seasonal, and climatic  
5 conditions. Color references are made using the  
Royal Horticultural Society (London, England)  
Colour Chart, 2001.

For a comparison, the nearest existing  
Clematis variety is 'Niobe', a non-patented  
10 variety. **Chart 1** details several physical  
characteristics of the claimed Clematis plant and  
the comparison variety.

**Chart 1**

	'EVIpo002'	'Niobe'
15 Leaflet size	40 to 50 mm	30 to 40 mm
Tepal width	30 to 40 mm	25 to 30 mm
Flower diameter	120 to 180 mm	100 to 150 mm
Tepal overlap	Tepals overlap by 5 to 10 mm	Tepals do not normally overlap

20 **FLOWER AND FLOWER BUD**

Blooming habit: Normally blooms in April, May,  
and June recurring in August,

September, and October.

Flowering may be prolonged  
throughout the growing season  
if pruned accordingly.

5      **Flower bud:**

Size:                      30 to 40 mm in length. 10 to  
                                 13 mm in diameter.

Bud form:                      Long ovoid

Bud color:                      Red Purple Group 61A at 1/4  
10                                      opening.

Tepals:                      Purple Group N79C.

Peduncle:                      Surface: Smooth  
                                 Length: 90 to 120 mm average  
                                 length.

15                                      Color: Green Group 131A.

                                 Strength: Strong

                                 Diameter: 2 mm.

Borne:                      Normally compound cymes. Early  
20                                      season flowers may be borne  
                                 single.

**Flower bloom:**

Size:                      120 to 180 mm in diameter.

25      Form:                      Upon opening: Flat with tepals

slightly  
reflexing.

- 5                    Depth:           Flower depth as viewed from the  
side is 5 to 10 mm.  
Reproductive parts protrude  
giving flower overall depth of  
15 to 20 mm.
- 10                   Tepal Color:    Upon opening;  
Upper Surface is Red-  
Purple Group 71A.  
Lower Surface is Red-  
Purple Group 71A.
- 15                   After opening;  
Upper Surface is Red-  
Purple Group 71A.  
Lower Surface is Red-  
Purple is Purple N79C. At
- 20                   the basal zone, tepals are  
Violet N90A.
- 25                   Variations:        As the flower matures, the  
upper surface of the tepal  
exhibits more blue tones and

tends towards Purple RHS79C.

Fragrance: None to very light floral  
fragrance.

5 Lasting quality on plant and as a cut flower:

2 to 5 days as a cut flower.

Flowers persist 7 to 12 days on  
the plant.

**Tepals:**

10 Tepal Count: Single

Average: 6

Shape: Obovate. Base is obtuse. Apex  
is mucronate.

Size: Normally 70 to 80 mm long by  
15 30 to 38 mm wide.

Cross section: Reflexed.

Undulation of margin:

20 Sepal margin is entire with  
slight undulations, 1 to 2 in  
quantity, along the length of  
the tepal. The depth of these  
undulations is typically 5 to  
10 mm.

Tepal apex: Cuspidate.

25 Recurvature of tip:

Slight.

Persistence: Tepals drop off cleanly.

Arrangement: Tepals are arranged regularly.

**Reproductive Organs:**

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Quantity:       Average.

Color:       Yellow Group 11B.

Anthers:

Length:       4 to 7 mm.

10           Color:       Yellow Group 11B.

Arrangement: Regular.

Filaments:       Color:       White Group 155A.

Pistil:           Quantity:       30 to 45.

15           Stigmas:       Protrude from flower as it  
reaches full maturity.

Styles:           Yellow Group 11B.

20           Seed Production:   Under normal conditions,  
each ovary will produce 15 to 25 seeds.  
Seed is Green Group 143C in color and is  
circular to tear shaped. Seed diameter  
is 2 to 3 mm with an elongated plumule 15  
to 25 mm in length.

PLANT

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**Plant growth:** Moderately vigorous.

**Height:** Seasons growth attains 2 to 2.5 meters.

**Width:** 1 to 2 meters.

5 **Hardiness:** Trials to date show the variety hardy in USDA Zones 4-9.

**Stems:**

Color: Young wood: Red Purple Group 61A.

10 Older wood: Greyed Orange Group 165C.

Internodes: Cylindrical. Length: 180 to 120 mm.

Dimensions: Normally 1 to 2 meters in length. Diameter is 2 to 3 mm on average.

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Petioles:

Size: Average length: 60 to 80 mm.

20 Color: Red Purple 61A.

Undersurface: Smooth.

Clasping: By leaf Petiole.

Bark: Young wood: Smooth.

Older wood: Smooth.

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Glossiness: Matte Finish.

**Disease resistance:**

Subject to any disease that normally attacks the  
5 species, however the variety is more tolerant to  
*Botrytis* and mildew than some Clematis.